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SUBJECT: POLITIKA INADVERTENTLY LINKED TO OSWALD FILM

1. A USIA REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT JULY 12 THAT PICTURES IN JULY 11 ISSUE OF TIME AND NEWSWEEK MAGAZINES PROMOTING A SOON TO BE RELEASED TV FILM, "THE TRIAL OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD," DEPICTED OSWALD HOLDING A RIFLE IN ONE HAND AND A YUGOSLAV NEWSPAPER IN THE OTHER. AP REPORTS THAT THE NEWSPAPER, POLITIKA, IS PREPARED TO FILE A LAWSUIT AGAINST LAURENCE SCHILLER WHO PRODUCED THE FILM UNDER THE AUSPICES OF CHUCK FRIES PRODUCTIONS AND ABC TELEVISION. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS CONTACTED THE WASHINGTON BUREAU OF ABC TO ALERT THEM TO THE POTENTIAL LAWSUIT AND TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS.

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2. ADDITIONALLY, THE DEPARTMENT ON JULY 13 CONTACTED AN ATTORNEY FOR CHUCK FRIES PRODUCTION, WHO INDICATED THAT THE USE OF POLITIKA IN THE STILL PHOTO OF JOHN PLESCHETTE (WHO PORTRAYS OSWALD IN THE FILM) WAS AN UNINTENTIONAL ERROR. IN AN ATTEMPT TO RECTIFY THE MISTAKE, THE ATTORNEY HAS ALREADY SENT LETTERS TO

NEWSWEEK AND TIME, THE ONLY TWO MAGAZINES TO RECEIVE

COPIES OF THE STILL, EXPRESSING REGRET AND STATING CATEGORICALLY THAT THE FILM IN NO WAY INSINUATES THAT YUGOSLAVIA WAS LINKED WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD. CHUCK FRIES PRODUCTIONS IS ALSO SEEKING TO CONTACT YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK TO APOLOGIZE FOR ANY EMBARRASSMENT WHICH THEIR OVERSIGHT CREATED. THE SPOKESMAN FOR CHUCK FRIES SAID THAT "EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT" WOULD BE MADE TO ASSUAGE THE YUGOSLAVS. VANCE

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